

**TOWN OF COVERT
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
AND
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
7:00 PM ----- JANUARY 13, 2020**

The organizational and regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, South Seneca students and other interested citizens.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

ORGANIZATONAL

- 1) Foster moved, seconded by Bishop, that for the year 2020 the Town Board sets 57 cents per mile reimbursement as mileage allowance for personal vehicles used by Town Officers while performing official duties other than attendance at Town Board Meetings or Town Court Proceedings.
- 2) Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to authorize that Community Bank, N.A., Interlaken Branch, be designated the official bank of the Town of Covert and Town Justice Schmidt and the Supervisor be authorized to invest town monies consistent with the requirements of New York State and with appropriate consideration given to elements of safety, liquidity and yield.
- 3) Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to authorize Highway Superintendent MacCheyne to spend up to \$750.00 per purchase to acquire equipment, tools, and implements and \$1,000.00 for repairs during 2020 without prior approval of the Town Board.
- 4) Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to designate the Interlaken Review as the official newspaper of the Town of Covert for the year 2020.
- 5) Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to appoint Christopher Bulmahn as Dog Control Officer at the budgeted Salary and 57 cents per mile to Beverly Animal Shelter for the year 2020. A \$10.00 per day fee for each dog will be charged to the owner upon redemption of impounded dog from Beverly Animal Shelter plus a \$15.00 a day pick up fee.
- 6) Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to appoint John Poludniak as Code Enforcement Officer at the budgeted Salary and 57 cents per mile for the year 2020.
- 7) Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to appoint John Hunt as cleaner to the Town of Covert Municipal Building, at the wage of \$11.80 per hour for the year 2020.
- 8) Foster moved, seconded by Vann, to appoint Ralph E. Jones as cleaner at the Town of Covert Highway Department, at the wage of \$11.80 per hour for the year 2020.
- 9) Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to allow Supervisor Reynolds to file his 2019 annual report with the Town Clerk by the same date and in the same matter as Annual Report is required to be filed with the State Comptroller. Such authorization is allowed by Town Law Section 29 (10a).
- 10) Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to appoint Mr. Raymond Zajac Sr., Grease Lightning, to mow the lawns at the Municipal Building, Town Hall and Covert Cemetery for an amount not to exceed \$2,080.00 for the year 2020-2021.

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- 11) Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, that the salaries of all elected and appointed officers shall be the amount indicated by the currently effective resolution or the amount budgeted in the 2020 budget. The Highway Superintendent shall set wages of hourly highway employees with concurrence by the Town Board, within the limits of the Highway Budget. Payment of salaries and wages shall be at times and dates that are legally permissible and mutually acceptable to the Supervisor and the recipients.
- 12) The Personnel Policy and Procedures Handbook were reviewed with no changes at this time. Vann moved, seconded by Nottke. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Foster, and Aye-Nottke.

APPOINTMENTS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Highway Superintendent MacCheyne appoints Glenn Boyes as Deputy Highway Superintendent for 2020.

Town Clerk appoints Brian Quan as Deputy Town Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics, and Tax Collector. Wage shall be \$14.42 per hour.

Town Justice Eileen Schmidt appoints Jeanne Rykbost as Clerk to the Town Justice. Salary shall be as budgeted for the year 2020.

Supervisor Reynolds makes the following appointments for 2020:

Bookkeeper and Secretary to the Supervisor -- Seneca County Finance Department

Budget Officer -- Michael Reynolds

Deputy Supervisor -- Deborah Nottke

Town Assessment Committee – Michael Reynolds and Brayton Foster

Historian for the Town – John Hunt

Highway Committee -- Bill Bishop, Chairman and Brayton Foster

Courts, Ordinances & Law Enforcement –Brayton Foster, Chairman and Bill Bishop

Utilities & Insurance – Bill Bishop, Chairman and Deborah Nottke

Personnel – Jeffrey Vann, Chairman and Deborah Nottke

Buildings and Grounds--Bill Bishop, Chairman and Jeffrey Vann

Fire and Ambulance –Deborah Nottke, Chairwoman, Jeffrey Vann and Michael G. Reynolds

Planning and Land Management Ordinance- Jeffrey Vann, Chairman and Brayton Foster

Any appointments which may have been overlooked shall continue to be filled by the incumbent subject to review by the appropriate appointing authority.

RETURN TO THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Newly Elected Officers, Supervisor Michael Reynolds, Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Councilman Jeffrey Vann, Councilwoman Deborah Nottke and Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, took the Oath of Office.

Approval of Minutes: Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the minutes from December 30th, 2019 Year-end Meeting. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

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MacCheyne gave his monthly report of plowing, roadwork, equipment, organization of Town barn and service on equipment. The box on the 2010 International was repaired. MacCheyne said that he had met with CHA Engineers regarding the Frontenac Bridge. He showed them photos; they're doing an analysis and will send it to the State. He said the bridge is certified for 5 tons, but it may go up. The new pillars look stronger than previous structure.

MacCheyne recounted the issue he had, while plowing in December, with a resident parking on Booth Road that is only 14' wide.(see December 30th minutes) He said that there is not enough room for the plow to pass and would not be enough room for a Fire truck or other emergency vehicle to pass. MacCheyne feels there should be a winter parking law in the Town of Covert for the protection of the residents. Morrell asked whether that would be for overnight parking and between what hours. If the law was passed, signs would be posted at the ends of the Town. It was also expressed that vehicles could be moved at the expense of the owner. The Board agreed to pursue a winter parking law.

Foster mentioned an unflattering write up on the Seneca White Deer in the Interlaken Review. 4-5 on the organization's board voted to shut down the reserve. Foster asked what they do with \$10,000 per month. The owner put up 12' fence all around, has to maintain the roads throughout the reserve, planted trees, corn and soybeans for the maintenance of the herd. Donations were used to pay for the building. The property has a PILOT. The owner will take over the tours/business end and make it work, possibly adding something for kids. He plans to reopen in the spring.

Also mentioned was the approved construction for an all enclosed galvanizing plant in the Town of Romulus.

Foster said he is still looking at the electric bills and the profitability of solar. He said that Nexamp does not put enough detail in the bills. Based on comparisons of NYSEG bills, the price per kilowatt seems to be in the 13 to 14.5¢ range. Something is supposed to happen with the billing on the one year anniversary with Nexamp.

Vann would like the Planning Board to discuss the proposed Junius Sign Law. The law did not include how bright the lights could be, but otherwise it was too thorough and needs to be downsized to suit Covert.

Nottke shared that Trumansburg Ambulance hired an EMS manager, Chris Fox, who is invited to present at the regular Town Board meeting on February 10th at 7:00 p.m.

She has not heard from Pam Helming as to when the meeting with EMS and Town officials will be.

Nottke was asked by John Hunt if she would like to look into getting new curtains for the Town Hall.

Supervisor Reynolds reminded the Board of the Town Audit of the Bookkeepers and Town Clerk's books on January 16 and the Town Court books on January 20, 2020, both at 10:00 a.m.

Attorney Morrell said that the Town has been served with an Article 78 proceeding against the Town Board and Paul Mikeska, regarding challenging the determination by Public body and their officer for the variance for Paul Mikeska. Morrell will put together a response for review prior to the hearing. If the judge agrees with Guttman, it will be an active violation, and the Town will go back to square one.

The Town Board set the next Planning Board meeting for Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. with the task of discussing the proposed Junius Sign Law and whether the Town of Covert should pursue a similar law.

Petitioners:

Dick Westbrook asked if MacCheyne would tell those plowing roads on CR 142 to pick up the debris left in his driveway. MacCheyne said he could do that.

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Guthrie mentioned that the Town had discussed having an electric charging station at the Town Hall in the past. Reynolds had applied for a NYSERDA grant but was rejected. He thought he could get a station for free. It does not cost much money to charge a car. Guthrie said to go one mile, electricity is half the cost of fuel. Charging can take 2 days at 110V and with 230V, it would take 4-6 hours. The Town does have the capacity to install a station. Foster asked about the upkeep of the new technology and if a nominal fee should be charged. There is a need with the tourist industry. Vann mentioned the Village of Interlaken had been talking about putting one in. Reynolds would look into it.

Resolutions:

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to set a Public Hearing for a Winter Parking Law on February 10th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Aye Vann, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to renew Beverly Animal Shelter Agreement for 2020 contingent on review. Aye-Vann, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Supervisor's Income and Expenditure report for the month of December 2019. Aye-Vann, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of December 2019. Aye-Vann, Aye Nottke, Aye-Foster and Aye-Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Town Clerk's report for the month of December 2019. A total of \$291.25 was received and \$205.25 was remitted to the Supervisor for the month of December 2019. Tax Collection to date was almost \$500,000. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of December 2019. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, that Highway Fund Vouchers #1-12 in the amount of \$22,894.02 and General Fund Vouchers # 1-17 in the amount \$31,923.79 be approved for payment. Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynold	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell and other interested citizens.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing: Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to open the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. to hear any comments regarding proposed Local Law Regulating Parking of Vehicles On Town Streets, Roads and Highways During Winter Months and During Times of Highway Snow Emergencies. Town Attorney Morrell opened the hearing by excerpting from Section 3, 4 and 5 of proposed law. The Town does not have authority over State and County roads. The law restricts overnight parking on Town streets, roads and highways during the winter months and public highway emergencies, allows Highway Superintendent authority to declare a public highway emergency, violations cost up to \$100, allows removal of vehicles and charging back the owner for towing and storage. Vann suggested a list of contacts be in place when an emergency is declared including a post on the Covert website, tv stations, radio, etc. Barry Ford asked what constitutes an emergency, would that be like a flood? Morrell said "it could" be and read Section 3:b, including weather conditions, impending weather, floods, fires or likely to impede free movement of safety vehicles. Ford asked who will enforce that law. It would be the Highway Superintendent's call and would be enforced by law enforcement. Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to close the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the minutes from January 13, 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

MacCheyne reported regular maintenance of roads, equipment and buildings. He mentioned that they had to mix more 1B stones with salt for the winter mix than anticipated.

Reynolds said that \$34,000 has been received from FEMA for the emergency repair work, 12 ½ % of requested monies for the project is expected from the State soon. He said money for the culverts, W Covert Rd and Frontenac should come soon. The work will have to be done, or extensions filed. MacCheyne said some of the work to be done on Booth Road will be hired out. They've gone down to #3 of about 25 projects. About \$60,000 - 70,000 has been received so far.

MacCheyne also said that he spoke with the engineers about Frontenac Bridge. Nottke asked when they can move forward with the bridge grant. MacCheyne will hear from Marty Mason regarding a bridge grant from the State of NY on Friday. BridgeNY money should be available again.

Reynolds said he received a call from an Albany newspaper asking him what the Town will do with the Frontenac property with the Boy Scout's going bankrupt. The Boy Scout's have owned the property since the 1920's or 30's. The Town does not own the property, so it will not be their decision.

Vann shared of the Planning Board meeting on January 23 and their discussion about a prospective sign law. He said they came up with a short and long list of where to go with the sign law. Foster said they put together a fact sheet.

Foster said that wineries use the billboards along Seneca. He said he spoke with a person who advertises on the local billboards for \$600/month and said that the results were positive for their business.

Foster says issues that will come up are how many signs allowed per property and the setbacks. Morrell said on-premises sign's location, size, whether they're lit, lit and flashing can be regulated by the Town. Morrell said that the Town cannot regulate what is on the sign. Vann said that a variance request can be sought if their sign does not meet the regulation.

Nottke said she and Reynolds attended the Fire + EMS meeting with the Village of Trumansburg, Towns of Ulysses and Hector. The ambulance went out 111 times this year. They had to use a second ambulance. They were thinking of potential new customers, how big they want to be, and amount of staff. Reynolds said they were seeking grant money for getting a new firehouse. Mayor Hart had spoken with Senator Gillibrand and Rep. Tom Reed. Gillibrand is favorable to helping the rural Fire/Ems departments. They would like it be treated like CHIPS reimbursements.

Also discussed: Fire/cost sharing based on assessments, different avenues of charging municipalities, contracting with local fire departments could possibly be the new norm. Hart was doubtful that it would affect the new budget. Vann said it must be fair across the board. Nottke announced that there is a new Trumansburg Fire Chief: Matt Taylor.

Reynolds shared that Code Enforcement Officer Poludniak was concerned over the procedure to enforce and maintain the House number signs on all properties in the Town. House number signs are required per the Town of Covert Land Management Ordinance. Morrell said that the Code Enforcement officer should enforce it. Reynolds said that the County Code Enforcement requires that the house number signs are posted before approving final new constructions.

Reynolds said that a couple of the Highway employees would like to take compensatory time in lieu of overtime. They would like to use the time in the summer, when the department needs them the most. MacCheyne said they would make advance requests, as they do with vacation time. The County's policy says it must be used up in one year. The policy could limit the amount of time that could build (40-45 hours). MacCheyne said some employees had 15-16 hours of overtime last week, but do not want to receive pay that would put them in another tax bracket. MacCheyne will check with other towns and their policies.

Reynolds said that NYSEDA will give the Town \$4000 for a car charging station. Foster asked what would the cost for maintenance be. A parking fee could be charged, but the electricity would be free to the user. There are charging stations at Ehrharts and Taughannock Park in Trumansburg, also Cayuga Medical. The question is how much are they used. The Board was not interested in pursuing.

Morrell spoke of the litigation against the Town of Covert and Paul Mikeska. The court date has been pushed back to February 27 at 2 p.m. in Seneca County Court. He said that Mikeska's position mirrors the Town, defending the actions of the Town as well. The petitioners hold that the Land Management Ordinance falls under the Zoning Code regulations of NYS Town Law. Morrell said that a variance from the Land Management Ordinance is left at the discretion of the Town Board. The hearing for Mikeska's violation ticket has been recused by the Covert Town Justice and may be going to Lodi if accepted.

MacCheyne said that the Town of Ulysses would like to buy the F350 pickup with plow for the Kelley Blue Book price of \$38 - 39,000. He said it would take 2 ½ months to order a new F250 from Maguire's who have a Cornell Bid pricing.

Petitioners: Barry Ford asked about the difference in the channels for a variance between an LMO and Zoning. Morrell referred to NYS Law Section 278. In order to have Zoning the Town must have adopted a Comprehensive Plan. A Land Management Ordinance applies uniformly throughout the Town.

Resolutions:

Local Law No. 1 of 2020

Town of Covert, County of Seneca

**A LOCAL LAW REGULATING PARKING OF VEHICLES ON TOWN STREETS,
ROADS AND HIGHWAYS DURING WINTER MONTHS AND DURING TIMES OF
PUBLIC HIGHWAY EMERGENCIES**

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to regulate parking of vehicles on Town streets, roads and highways during winter months and to authorize the Town's Highway Superintendent to remove vehicles parked or abandoned on Town streets, roads and highways during public emergencies or when they constitute an obstruction to traffic.

Section 2. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

Section 3. Parking Restrictions

- a) During the winter months from November 15th to the succeeding March 15th from midnight to 6:00 a.m., parking shall be prohibited on all Town streets, roads and highways.
- b) Whenever the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Covert finds that weather conditions; impending weather conditions; floods; fires or other conditions could impede vehicular traffic or are likely to create hazardous road conditions or road conditions impeding or likely to impede the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic vital to the health, safety and welfare of the community, the Town Superintendent of Highways shall be authorized to declare a "Public Highway Emergency."
- c) During a "Public Highway Emergency" all vehicles shall be prohibited from parking on all Town streets, roads or highways.

Section 4. Violations

Every person convicted of violating any provision of this Local Law shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00.

Section 5. Removal of Vehicles

- a) Any vehicle parked or abandoned on any Town street, road or highway, or real property owned by the Town of Covert may be removed by or at the direction of the Town Superintendent of Highways whenever:
 - i) such vehicle is parked or standing in violation of any Town, County or State law or regulation; or
 - ii) it is necessary to remove such vehicle to facilitate snow removal; road repair or to ensure the free movement of fire, health, police or other emergency vehicular traffic; or
 - iii) during a "Public Highway Emergency."
- b) All towing and storage charges incurred in the removal of vehicles pursuant to this Local Law shall be borne by the owner of such vehicle and paid prior to the release of such vehicle.

Section 6. Severability

If any section or part of this Local Law is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section of this Local Law.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, that the Covert Town Clerk and Tax Collector's records were examined on January 16, 2020 and found to be in good order. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, that the Covert Town Justice's Court records and dockets were examined on January 20, 2020 and found to be in good order. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to declare a box of 6 - 13W light bulbs as surplus to be given to John Hunt. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to order for purchase a Ford F250 with a plow from Maguire through a Cornell bid for \$42,828.99. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Supervisor's Income and Expenditure report for the month of January 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of January 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of January 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Town Clerk's report for the month of January 2020 and Tax Collector's report for the month of January 2020. Town Clerk received a total of \$641.00 and \$450.50 was remitted to the Supervisor. Tax Collector received a total of \$1,792,855.15 and \$891,942.00 was remitted to the Supervisor and \$800,000.00 was remitted to the Seneca County Treasurer. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, that Highway Fund Vouchers #13-25 in the amount of \$13,301.78 and General Fund Vouchers #18-30 in the amount \$420,971.55 be approved for payment. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Vann.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Absent
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell and other interested citizens.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the minutes from February 10, 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster and Aye-Bishop.

MacCheyne shared about maintenance of roads and equipment, sign post straightening and moving snow. He mentioned that there was more sanding than normal.

Reynolds said there was a need for cold patch at the end of the Town Hall driveway.

Reynolds also said that the State's portion (12 1/2%) of the expected FEMA money had not been received yet. \$70,000 more was received from FEMA. The Town is still waiting for monies (already spent) for Tunison and Dunn Roads. Projects like on Booth Road, about \$200,000, will have to be paid and bid first, then the Town can receive full reimbursement. Next week, the Municipal Disaster Consultants will schedule to meet with engineers for work to be done.

Foster said that American Power and Gas was charging the Town 7.8¢/kw on the NYSEG bills. He would like to drop them and go back to the NYSEG variable rate. He will not sign the voucher for the NYSEG bills this month. He said the base fee of \$17.60 per bill is okay. He said that the bills make no sense. Nexamp has a contract with the Town that can be cancelled (with 90 day notice). Guthrie said that this is the time when they do an auto correction for the year on the billing. Reynolds will ask Nexamp to come and explain their billing and why their billing is so far behind the NYSEG bill.

Vann said they are working on the sign ordinance. He is working with Foster to come to agreement. Foster thought that only big signs with greater footage should be regulated, and the number of signs per property, but most signs he does not see a reason to regulate. Foster mentioned that a winery across from his property had added 2 signs, totaling 5, but they were nice-looking signs.

Ben Guthrie mentioned that Park Outdoor's signage in Schuyler County had been expanding with the use of electric signs. Also, many billboards and electronic signs were being used along Rtes. 5&20 in the Auburn area. There was concern for the distracted driving caused by the signs with bright or flashing lights.

Reynolds said that Dude Solutions met with the Highway department regarding software designed to keep track of schedules, equipment and maintenance in highway departments. The County uses their software. MacCheyne thought that it works better for bigger companies and the system they have now is working fine.

Reynolds also shared that the Beverly Animal Shelter has put together a new contract for 2020 with only a change to the shelter fee of \$16.00 per day, previously \$10.00.

Reynolds said there is a Variance Request for Jeff Taylor, 4951 Frontenac Road, to construct a 14' x 24 ½' addition where the required set back from the Northern boundary is not met as required by the Town of Covert Land Management Ordinance. The neighbor should be submitting a letter of support.

Bishop asked about the progress of the website. Deputy Quan is compiling information, contents and structure, for the layout. Bishop said that it would be good to have for the summer season. Vann said that if there are suggestions for improvements then we should let him know.

Reynolds said that Community Bank holds most of the Town money and will give better rates on the savings accounts; CD's are not FDIC insured and the rates are very low.

Morrell shared that there was an appearance on the Article 78 proceeding in Seneca County, Guttman vs. the Town of Covert and Paul Mikeska. Guttman is being represented by Ed Crossmore. Mikeska and the Town made a motion to dismiss. The judge reserved his opinion and is requesting a recording/transcript of the meeting. Morrell will arrange the transcription. It may be a few months before we receive a response from the Court, either to dismiss or be allowed to proceed. It could be going on for some time.

MacCheyne said Ulysses should be making an offer on the 2018 Ford F350 on Wednesday.

Petitioners:

Barry Ford asked for the Board members' stand on the Town getting Sales Tax money. Reynolds said that County taxes would have to be raised if it was distributed among the Towns. He said that the County budget is too tight. The County has given out raises and a sewer line was put it along Rt. 318. Vann said that he was against the money going to the Towns, Villages and Schools. He said that part of the reason is that too much money goes to the schools already. Foster is not in favor of sharing with the schools. He said that the minute you get a revenue stream, you get hooked on it; assuming that the County budget is lean, you've got to fund it somehow. If not via Sales tax, then there will be an increase of property tax. Property taxes have not gone up much in the past few years. There was discussion as to whether the Town wants commercial growth and whether it is happening now. New businesses receive ag exemptions and new construction exemptions. Foster wondered whether billboards are assessable. Because it does not get a building permit, it would not be immediate. Revaluation is not done every 3 years at this point. It's been about five years since the last one.

There was discussion about the Native American properties in the County and whether they are taxed. Morrell said there are applications to take certain properties into trust to acquire reservation status. If that were to happen, they would be a sovereign nation and could do what they want with the land, such as a casino. There are properties that are taxed but they are not paying the taxes; however, they cannot be foreclosed on. The County will not issue building permits for properties with unpaid taxes. Several properties' structures had been recently demolished by the government of the Cayuga Nation.

Resolutions:

Foster moved, seconded by Bishop, to declare the 2018 Ford F350 as surplus and to authorize the Highway Superintendent to seek the best return for it. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the new Beverly Animal Shelter agreement, \$16.00 per day fee for providing shelter for dogs. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Foster.

Bishop moved, seconded by Vann, to refer Variance Request for Jeff Taylor, 4951 Frontenac Road, to construct a 14' x 24 ½' addition, where the required set back from the Northern boundary is not met as required by the Town of

Covert Land Management Ordinance, to the Planning Board. The meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Town Supervisor's Income and Expenditure Report for the month of February 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Foster.

Bishop moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of February 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Town Clerk's and Tax Collector report for the month of February 2020. Town Clerk received a total of \$361.25 and \$311.25 was remitted to the Supervisor. Tax Collector received a total of \$82,830.57 and \$150,000 was remitted to the Seneca County Treasurer. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's report for the month of February 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster and Aye-Bishop.

Foster moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of February 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, that Highway Fund Vouchers #26-42 in the amount of \$78,760.13 and General Fund Vouchers #31-51 in the amount \$17,634.58 be approved for payment. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via video conferencing on Webex.com.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, and Deputy Town Clerk Brian Quan.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Members rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Foster moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the minutes from March 9th, 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster and Aye-Bishop. Abstained-Nottke.

MacCheyne said it was a short month. He shared his Highway Report of road and equipment maintenance. He said that he had been going out and is addressing issues. He and Reynolds had spoken with Susan of Municipal Disaster Consultants and that a submission to FEMA came up short \$3000-; they will resubmit the request.

Reynolds said Municipal Disaster Consultants had around \$300,000 ready to go in FEMA claims.

Nottke asked about the Highway Department is doing with employees off due to Covid-19. MacCheyne said there are a few jobs that have to be done. They have ordered masks, next lower grade to the M-95's, and have hand sanitizer. Morrell said they must maintain 6' distancing, 1 person per vehicle, wear masks, ... Reynolds said he spoke with Melissa Taylor; the County can supply 20-25 homemade(?) masks if they're interested.

Adams-Compton said that the taxes were delivered and final payments were made to the County.

Vann said there is a Variance Request for Jeff Taylor that needs to be processed; half of the Planning Board want a formal meeting in person. He is concerned about the Planning Board delaying and what it means for the construction season. Morrell said they could do a meeting just like this Webex meeting. They do not have the same requirement that the Town Board has. There should be a notice of how participants can have access for public comment in the Town Board Meetings and Public Hearing: newspaper, website, etc.

Nottke shared that she had sent out information on the Ambulance service and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Adams-Compton shared that a bill was received from MedEx. It may appear in next month's vouchers.

Reynolds shared about the resolution for the Town of Covert to share sewer service with the proposed Broadway Group construction two doors down from the Town Hall. They are in the process of buying the property. Morrell explained that they will have to dig up the North/Exit driveway to get to the manhole. He said there was not much detail on the plan. Nottke questioned that the purchase would actually happen. Foster said he had worked for them in the past and assured her "it'll go". Reynolds said that it may take longer to process permits with the County shut down.

Morrell said that there is still the ongoing matter of Guttman and Mikeska. He was able to get a transcription using Barry's mother-in-law, which was received and filed with the Court. He was unsure when anything would happen with the courts shut down but will keep the Board up to date on the proceedings via email.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 1-2020

WHEREAS, The Broadway Group, LLC, d/b/a TBG Alabama, LLC, is an Alabama limited liability company ("**Broadway**") that is acquiring that certain parcel of real property within the Village of Interlaken and located at 8453 S. Main Street, Interlaken, New York (the "**Broadway Property**");

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its development of the Broadway Property, Broadway has been instructed to install a sewer line for sewer service, which will connect to the sewer main at a manhole located on the real property located at 8469 S. Main Street, Interlaken, New York;

WHEREAS, 8469 S. Main St. is owned by the Town of Covert and is the site of the Covert Town Offices that has an existing manhole in its northern driveway;

WHEREAS, Broadway would like to connect to the sewer system at the existing manhole at 8469 S. Main St. by installing a sewer line underground from the Broadway Property, along the Route 96 Right of Way, approximately 220 feet to 8469 S. Main St. according to plans prepared by CEI Engineering, which are attached to and made a part of this resolution;

WHEREAS, Broadway has agreed that it will be responsible for the cost and installation of the sewer line and manhole as well as the repair of the driveway at 8469 S. Main; the Town of Covert has agreed to grant their permission for Broadway to enter onto their property for the installation of said manhole and sewer connection; and both parties have agreed to enter into agreements and execute real estate documents to record this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Covert Town Board accepts the project set forth in the plan prepared by CEI Engineering and authorizes the Supervisor to execute all necessary agreements and real estate documents necessary to record this agreement.

Foster moved, seconded by Bishop. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop and Nay-Nottke.

Foster moved to refer Variance Request for Jeff Taylor, 4951 Frontenac Road, to construct a 14' x 24 ½' addition, where the required set back from the Northern boundary is not met as required by the Town of Covert Land Management Ordinance, to the Planning Board. The meeting is scheduled for April 30th, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. and the Public Hearing for May 11th, 2020, at 7:00. All in favor.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Town Supervisor's Income and Expenditure Report for the month of March 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of March 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Town Clerk's and Tax Collector report for the month of March 2020. Town Clerk received a total of \$704.50 and \$543.00 was remitted to the Supervisor. Tax Collector received a grand total of \$1,974,378.67 and \$1,079,959.06 was remitted to the Seneca County Treasurer. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's report for the month of March 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of March 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, that Highway Fund Vouchers #43-52 in the amount of \$18,190.43 and General Fund Vouchers #52-74 in the amount \$8035.17 be approved for payment. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via video conferencing on Webex.com.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, and Deputy Town Clerk Brian Quan.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing: Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to open the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. to hear any comments on the variance request for Jeff Taylor, 4951 Frontenac Rd., Trumansburg, to construct a 14' x 24½' residential addition where right side set back is short of the required 20 feet. Jeff Taylor said "It's very simple. Not making ... any closer and the neighbor is fine with it." Morrell said it will continue along same property line and there is a letter from the neighbor on the other side in support of the project. Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to close the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the minutes from April 13th, 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye- Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

MacCheyne said he went in every day and did the usual maintenance of roads and equipment. Ralph Jones, cleaner for the Town Barn, is not back to work yet. The highway employees are back and working four 10-hour days per week. They are distancing and it's working good.

MacCheyne also said that the Frontenac Bridge has a yellow flag and he intends to contact Jim Brady for simple solutions to cracking on the supports. Nottke asked what happened to the application for the grant. Reynolds said he wasn't sure who is in line for the Bridge NY grant. He had also contacted Tom Reed's office regarding the Federal grant but hasn't heard anything.

MacCheyne asked Reynolds if he had success finding parts for the Town's roller. They have borrowed the roller from the Town of Romulus, but he doesn't want to take advantage of them.

It was reported that the south mile of Arden Road from County Road 143 to Seneca Road will be paved by the Town, the State is planning to pave Rte. 96., and there has been a lot of action, construction work on handicapped entrances to sidewalks, in the Village of Interlaken recently.

Adams-Compton said that Americana Vineyards has applied for a Fireworks Permit for July 4th, with a rain date of July 5th. Also, that the Cayuga Lake Triathlon is scheduled for August 2nd, 8:15 am - 12:00 noon.

Vann said that a transcription of the minutes is a lot of work; Adams-Compton agreed. He said that the least said the better in these Webex meetings and hopes that next month the Town can resume in person meetings.

Vann asked about the current situation with the Town's revenue stream. Reynolds said that AIM money is the only thing they may lose. Taxes have already been collected, he believes the CHIPS money is still there.

Vann asked if we can plan on an in-person Board Meeting next month, if necessary, by Supervisor's executive order. Foster said that Cuomo should be "opening" the Southern Tier. Reynolds said that the Finger Lakes Region meets the Governor's criteria for re-opening.

Nottke asked Reynolds about funding for an AED for the Town. Reynolds said that STEPS said that you can pick out what you want and they'll move forward with the grant.

Reynolds shared that the Clerks are looking at purchasing a Dot.Gov website. Quan said that the site would be more secure plus the Town would own it rather than a second party. The aim is for the Town Clerk's office or whomever is appointed would maintain the website.

Morrell said that the Court has not notified him since they and all parties received the transcript in the case of Guttman vs. Mikeska and the Town of Covert.

Reynolds said that the Court Clerk will be back to work next week when she is out of quarantine.

Nottke asked about demolition and construction happening on Frontenac Rd. There are no Town building permits issued yet.

Resolutions:

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Application for Variance for Jeff Taylor, 4951 Frontenac Rd., Trumansburg, to construct a 14' x 24½' residential addition where the required set back from the Northern boundary is not met as required by the Town of Covert Land Management Ordinance. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the 2020 Interlaken Historical Society Agreement . Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the 2020 Interlaken Library Agreement. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Americana Fireworks Permit for July 4th, 2020, raindate: July 5th. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Dot Gov domain annual fee and agreement for 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Town Supervisor's Income and Expenditure Report for the month of April 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of April 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Town Clerk's report for the month of April 2020. Town Clerk received a total of \$550 and \$406.36 was remitted to the Supervisor. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's report for the month of April 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Resolution 2-20

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NYSLRS
 New York State and Local Retirement System
 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001
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**Standard Work Day and
Reporting Resolution for
Elected and Appointed Officials**

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RS 2417-A
(Rev.11/19)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Covert / 30373 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Elected Officials:									
Michael Reynolds			Town Supervisor	01/01/2020-12/31/2021	6	10.53	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leslie Adams-Compton			Town Clerk/Tax Collector	01/01/2020-12/31/2023	6	18.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	bi-weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey MacCheyne			Highway Superintendent	01/01/2020-12/31/2023	8	37.68	<input type="checkbox"/>	bi-weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appointed Officials:									
Patrick J. Morrell			Town Attorney	1/2012-Present	6	2.68	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christopher Bulmahn			Dog Control Officer	01/01/2020-12/31/2023	6	.89	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Leslie Adams-Compton, secretary/clerk of the governing board of the Town of Covert, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 11th day of May, 2020 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

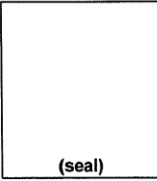
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Covert on this 11th day of May, 2020.

(Signature of Secretary or Clerk)
 Leslie Adams-Compton

Affidavit of Posting: I, Leslie Adams-Compton being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on May 13, 2020 and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the: _____

- Employer's website at: townofcovert.org
- Official sign board at: _____
- Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: 8469 S. Main St., Interlaken, NY

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Title:	Standard Work Day: (Hrs/day) Min. 6 hrs Max. 8 hrs	Name: (First and Last)	Social Security Number: (Last 4 digits)	NYSLRS ID:	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Current Term Begin & End Dates: (mm/dd/yy-mm/dd/yy)	Record of Activities Result:*	Not Submitted: (Check only if official did not submit their Record of Activities)
Elected Officials:								
Town Board Member	6	Jeffrey Vann			<input type="checkbox"/>	01/01/2020-12/31/2023	1.39	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the 2020 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, that Highway Fund Vouchers # 53-56 in the amount of \$5803.13 and General Fund Vouchers #75-88 in the amount \$5272.79 be approved for payment. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Vann.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 8th, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via video conferencing on Webex.com.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, and Deputy Town Clerk Brian Quan.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Members rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the minutes from May 11, 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye- Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

MacCheyne had submitted his written report to the Town Board. He was unable to connect his audio during the meeting.

Adams-Compton asked that the Board consider waiving the late fee for dog licenses accrued during the Covid 19 Pause. Some dog owners were unable to get rabies vaccines during the shutdown.

Bishop asked whether Nexamp was still the Town's electricity provider. Foster is still comparing the numbers but finding it difficult. It was suggested that the Board look at the comparisons when meeting in person to make sense of them. Reynolds said that they are supposedly still giving a 10% discount.

Vann said that he would like to table the discussion of a sign law indefinitely because businesses are hurting now and billboards are already regulated by the State. Reynolds said the billboard on Rte. 96 next to the ice cream stand is now lit up with a seemingly soft light.

Foster asked to see the Fund balances. He was concerned that CHIPS money may not be available. Reynolds was fairly sure the CHIPS funds would be there this year, maybe not next.

Nottke had questions for MacCheyne and regarding the Frontenac Bridge and potential grants. Reynolds had heard nothing new.

She also said that she and Reynolds are ready to move forward with acquiring funding through STEPS for an automated external defibrillator (AED) for the Town. Possession of an AED would come with the requirement that there would be training on its use for the community.

Reynolds said that Seneca County should be going back to 100% at the end of the month.

Morrell said that, in the case of Guttman vs. Mikeska and the Town of Covert, the Court's made a decision ruling that "the determination of the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the bunkhouse is annulled and the variance granting a permit for the bunkhouse is annulled..." and the case was "remitted back" to the Covert Town Board for further proceedings. Morrell said that the Town can either issue a summons in Town or County court, either seeking a fine or

an order to have the building removed, or the Town can ask Mikeska to submit an Application for Variance for the bunkhouse as a second dwelling. Bishop asked if the Variance can still be approved based on Code Enforcement Officer's interpretation of "a dwelling". Morrell said "yes" or the land owner could request variance for a situation that pre-dates current ownership and possibly pre-LMO. He recommended the Board wait to proceed until the Town Board can have meetings in person.

Resolutions:

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve waiving the fee for late license renewals of dogs until August 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Town Supervisor's Income and Expenditure Report for the month of May 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of May 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Town Clerk's report for the month of May 2020. Town Clerk received a total of \$633.00 and \$384.78 was remitted to the Supervisor. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's report for the month of May 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of May 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, that Highway Fund Vouchers # 57-63 in the amount of \$83,287.16 and General Fund Vouchers #89-100 in the amount \$7,786.52 be approved for payment. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Vann.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 13th, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne and Town Attorney Patrick Morrell.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Bishop moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the minutes from June 8, 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

MacCheyne reported of regular maintenance of roads and equipment. He was able to contact the factory for the roadside mower directly and they will be sending the needed parts. He said that there are trees at the lower end of Bates Road that need to be cleared out. He will ask for help from Seneca County. He also said there are trees at Covert and Congress Street that need clearing.

Nottke asked about the Frontenac Bridge progress. MacCheyne said that Jim Brady will meet with him to move toward clearing up the "yellow flag". He would like to get it done before the State returns for their next inspection. Reynolds said he has not heard back from Tom Reed.

Reynolds also said that he should be hearing back from Allison of Pam Helming's office regarding the Ambulance situation in upstate NY.

Adams-Compton reported that the Town Clerk's Fax line is being disabled. The cost is \$29.99/month and has mainly been used for receiving unwanted ads and 50¢ purchases every couple of months. Most transmission of documents is done via email or other means.

Foster said that the electric bills added another item on the month's electric bill. There is still some confusion as to how the billing works.

Nottke said that the Town has an AED in the building thanks to STEPS and Brian Quan. There was a brief training prior to the Town Board Meeting and more trainings for CPR and AED will be scheduled for the employees and the Community.

She also asked about the Discrimination and Harassment policy and the required training. The Town is required to adopt the Policy provided by NYMIR prior to August 12th.

Nottke said that a resident who had recently used the ambulance was asking why the EMS service, that is paid for through the Town taxes, is not a free service. Reynolds said that it could be covered 100% but then taxes would have to be raised. Nottke thought that information on how taxes pay for EMS and Fire service would be good information to provide on the Town website.

Nottke asked Adams-Compton about the progress of the new website. Adams-Compton said that Deputy Quan was communicating with the County IT person regarding the paperwork involved in applying for a Dot.gov domain. She brought up the uncertainty of how the work on it was to be paid and/or billed. She mentioned that Brian had inquired of Chris Wolff to do a Town of Covert logo. The asking price seemed prohibitive to the Board. Some thought that a commitment of regular hours for the creation of the website would be best. They would like Quan to come to the next meeting with a tentative plan/schedule. Morrell mentioned that a part-time employee should not also be a contractor, so Quan would have to be on the payroll for the work on the website.

Reynolds said that Caroline Peterson of Mechanic Street contacted him regarding flooding in her yard. She thought that the new tile that a farmer above the property had put in was the cause. He, the Village of Interlaken mayor, firemen, the Staggs and Erin of Seneca Soil & Water met to discuss the issue. They decided it was not the farmer's fault. Maybe the Village could put ditches in and the pipes might need cleaning. There was some talk of a large retention pond that the school would be favorable to. No one knows where the money would come from, though. Erin will work on getting grants.

Reynolds said that they hope to repave the Town Hall driveway when the Dollar General driveway is paved. MacCheyne is looking into paving various intersections too.

Reynolds shared that Judith Nichols on Lower Covert Road has applied for a Variance for a covered porch that will be too close to the road.

Reynolds said that the Town had advertised for a RFP for a project on Booth Road requiring heavy equipment and operators. He opened the one bid received from Seneca Stone for a paver and roller. Morrell said that the bid can be rejected, accepted for what it is or re-bid, but the Town's obligation has been completed as far as Municipal law is concerned. Other offers can be considered for the other needs.

Morrell said that in the case of Guttman vs. Mikeska and the Town, both parties have given notice to appeal therefore they have six months to appeal. Morrell recommends the Town wait for action on their part. He explained that the Court went against the discretion of the "zoning officer" in his definition of what constitutes a dwelling, which is a rare occurrence. The initial Variance Request was for not applying for a building permit prior to construction; Mikeska could apply for a Variance for the bunkhouse as a second dwelling.

Resolutions:

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to adopt and replace the Town of Covert Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment with current NYMIR approved policy. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to refer Variance Request for Judith Nichols, 4500 Lower Covert Road, Trumansburg, to construct a 12' x 22' covered porch with stairs that is short the required roadway setback, to the Planning Board, meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on July 30th. Public Hearing will be August 10th at 7 p.m. Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to accept the bid from Seneca Stone Corp. for Paver, CAT - AP655F (\$450.00/hr) and Roller, Volvo - DD118HF (\$200.00/hr). Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Town Supervisor's Income and Expenditure Report for the month of June 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of June 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Town Clerk's report for the month of June 2020. Town Clerk received a total of \$997.00 and \$621.08 was remitted to the Supervisor. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's report for the month of June 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Bishop moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of June 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, that Highway Fund Vouchers #64-82 in the amount of \$16,390.76 and General Fund Vouchers #101-119 in the amount \$7,777.09 be approved for payment. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Vann.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 10th, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, August 10th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Deputy Clerk Brian Quan and Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, and Meg Jastran.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Presenter: Meg Jastran of STEPS shared that the mural painted on the side of Seneca Fitness by the community garden facing Railroad Ave is finished. Over \$1000 in donations were raised. There will be a celebration for the community on September 13th from 3:00-5:00 PM with music featuring the band from Hipshot and one of the Burns Sisters.

Approval of Minutes: Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the minutes from July 13, 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Public Hearing: Foster moved, Seconded by Nottke, to open the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. to hear any comments on the variance request for Judith Nichols, 4500 Lower Covert Rd, Trumansburg, to construct a 12' x 22' covered porch with stairs where the front roadway setback is deficient of the 50 feet required by the Land Management Ordinance. Foster, who is a neighbor to the north of them, said that it is a classic example of 19th Century lot size not conforming to 21st Century rules. Bishop pointed out that the steps will be at the sides of the porch, thus not making it closer than it could be. Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

MacCheyne reported of regular maintenance of roads and equipment. He said that people were throwing garbage into the ditch on Halls Corners Road. Out of about 15 truckloads of dirt about 5 were garbage. He thought that they were the same people that complain that the ditch overflows. Morrell suggested that it is okay to report a crime to the DEC. Foster suggested that MacCheyne talk with the residents and explain the situation with a warning of the consequences. He also said that they've had issues with gardens being planted too close to the roadside. The Highway Departments do have a right of way at the edge of roads.

MacCheyne said he had contacted Jim Brady and they would be meeting to look at Frontenac Bridge soon. Some of the piers are bad and he would not want the yellow flags to turn red because then the repairs would have to be made within a 30 day period.

Nottke asked about funding for the bridge repairs. Reynolds said he would call Tom Reed again. MacCheyne said there should be money available for it.

MacCheyne said that the new truck was delivered. It should get better mileage.

MacCheyne asked about the Town property below the shop, on the corner of Lakeview St. where the small stone pile is by a house. He said he thinks the survey markers have been moved and the owners have put a shed on the

Town's property. Reynolds thought that the property had been surveyed less than 15 years ago. Morrell suggested they have it re-staked and put a barrier fence up. MacCheyne will check with Charlie Carroll.

When Seneca Stone is working in the area, MacCheyne will get a price for the paving of the Town Hall driveway and borrow the roller.

Nottke asked if it was okay that her neighbor was roadside mowing along Frontenac; visibility is bad there coming on to Route 89. MacCheyne said it was okay. He'll try to do it. Nottke and Foster said that the traffic on 89 has been more than it used to be. Nottke also asked if the trucks are allowed on Rte 89. Reynolds said that they pay road tax, so they're allowed.

Adams-Compton mentioned that the Seneca County rabies clinics are not well advertised and have to be pre-registered for, and that a lot of dog owners depend on the free rabies shots offered by the County. She asked for another extension on waiving the late dog licensing fee.

She also mentioned that NYSLRS rejected the Standard Workday Resolution approved by the Town Board in May due to the Attorney's term incorrectly stated. The term must coincide with the Town Supervisor.

Reynolds said that the 2018 AUD Report had been turned in to the Department of State. Some corrections would be made.

Foster asked what the County will do about the shortfall in Sales Tax, if the mortgage tax is secure. Reynolds said they're down 30%, the casino has been closed, and they are hoping that the Federal government will come through. He said that business at Lowe's and Midlakes are keeping the County alive. The County is unsure of what the future holds. The budget process has begun.

Reynolds said there will be a Fire budget meeting with the Village of Trumansburg. They are restructuring and trying to figure out how to raise more money based on assessments. He spoke with Jay Franklin who did not think that costs based on assessments would be fair. The projected cost sharing would raise the Town of Covert's cost by 20% and lower the Village of Trumansburg by 40%. The service is shared by Ulysses, Covert, Hector and the Village of Trumansburg. Reynolds thinks that using the 3 year average of calls is the fair way to do it.

Reynolds said that Dan Borst is planning to resign from the Planning Board. He hasn't been able to make meetings in a few years.

Reynolds said that he is looking into replacing the main door of the Town Hall building. He is waiting on a quote from Fred Schmidt. Geneva Glass quoted \$2100.

He also shared that they had a FEMA meeting a couple weeks ago. The big projects for flood recovery are up now. Approximately \$300,000 will have to be outlaid first with costs recouped when jobs are finished. The jobs have to be done right, with engineers, soil and water hydrology studies, etc. and accurate accounting. The bookkeepers are invited to the next meeting at the end of the month. \$80,000 has been received (for millings?); \$60,000 of that will seed the upcoming jobs.

Deputy Clerk Quan shared that building a new website for the Town is complex. There are different issues in creating the new site, from design to content, usability and accessibility, simplicity of structure so that slow internet speeds will work, the ability to update in a timely fashion in house, and acquisition of a domain. He wishes to construct the data to be accessible. He has been visiting other sites for ideas relevant to the Town site. He would like a clear idea of what is needed/wanted by the Town so that it will not have to be re-done. Nottke asked if he had spoken with other municipalities. Quan said that Rob LaPrade at Seneca County IT has been very helpful. Information breakdown is available on any website. Foster said it is helpful to him to have lists available on a website, not Historical information on the home page. Bishop suggested a home page with Town information and a second "home page" for tourism.

Vann asked for a home page with an index; he also asked for reports of the analytics. Not having consistent emails for Town officers is an issue as well. Quan said he has been working on a site map. Foster suggested he set a goal for the "outline". Quan hopes to have the general structure to present to the Board in a couple months.

Resolutions:

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve Variance Request for Judith Nichols, 4500 Lower Covert Road, Trumansburg, to construct a 12' x 22' covered porch with stairs that is short the roadway setback as required by the Land Management Ordinance. Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve changes to the Attorney's term to coincide with Supervisor's term, 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2021, on the 2020 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials previously approved on May 11, 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve extending the waiving late fees for dog license renewals until October 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to appoint Brian Quan as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer for two months. Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Town Supervisor's Income and Expenditure Report for the month of July 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of July 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Town Clerk's report for the month of July 2020. Town Clerk received a total of \$1218.00 and \$509.62 was remitted to the Supervisor. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's report for the month of July 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of July 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, that Highway Fund Vouchers #83-100 in the amount of \$30,886.35 and General Fund Vouchers #121-137 in the amount \$4318.25 be approved for payment. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Vann.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

September 14th, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, September 14th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, and Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, and other interested citizens.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the minutes from August 10, 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Public Hearing: Nottke moved, Seconded by Bishop, to open the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. to hear any comments on the Variance Request for Daniel & Kelly Stilwell, 4347 Lower Covert Rd, Trumansburg, to construct a 24' x 28' detached garage where the roadway frontage is deficient of the 200 feet required by the Land Management Ordinance. Stilwell explained that the original permit for the house, prior to their ownership, was approved based on an unofficial survey. The Planning Board had met and recommended approval of the Variance Request. Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

MacCheyne reported that in addition to hauling millings, ditching, installing driveway pipes, cold patching all town roads and regular maintenance of equipment, they helped Lodi and Ovid with their Roads. He said that they were able to get the parts for the roller and got it running. The roller is made up of 1952, '72 and '88 parts and the parts are just not available anymore. He anticipates the Town should get a new/used one.

He also said that they received unwanted millings from New York State. They plan to use them for next year's paving by adding asphalt and crusher.

Vann reported that he had attended an on-line course on Right to Farm Law. He asked if the Town could beef up the RTF Law. He wants to make sure that noise is covered. Morrell said that it is a New York State law.

Nottke shared that she and Reynolds went to the South Seneca Ambulance budget meeting. South Seneca Ambulance would like to cover all of Covert, and their proposed budget has included Covert's costs(1/3 of funding). They would also like to come speak to the Town Board. (Vann - not interested, Foster - will listen to them, Bishop - will listen, but not dependable in the past) Their operations have changed and they would give money back, as does Trumansburg Ambulance currently. They also would like a second ambulance to be stored 8 hrs/day in Covert during peak times. Liability issues were mentioned. Reynolds said that Trumansburg Ambulance would still be cheaper, but only by four to five thousand dollars.

Reynolds said that he had met with the Trumansburg Fire and Ambulance via a Zoom meeting. Their Fire budget is down, EMS is up a little bit, so it should be about the same overall. The Firemen want a reserve account. They would like a fireboat for lake calls as the roads are difficult for the large vehicles to negotiate lake roads and they would like an ambulance for healthcare calls. It was shared that Tompkins hasn't used their fireboat in two years. Also, it would probably be used by transients, not taxpayers.

Reynolds reported that Dan Borst had submitted his resignation from the Planning Board and that Carl Pell is willing to serve on the Planning Board.

Reynolds also said that Judge Schmidt is working on getting a JCAP grant for a HVAC system with filtration. We have one qualifying bid, two not meeting the requirements. We are waiting on a couple more bids. Ford mentioned that Sure Temp out of Binghamton are a good company.

Reynolds said that John Gilfus, 4332 Lower Covert Rd, Trumansburg, has applied for a Variance for constructing a 30' x 48' pole barn without a Development Permit. Morrell said that the Variance Application was problematic the last time this happened. He said that if someone violates the Code, they should get a ticket.

MacCheyne said that the Dollar General crew should fix the drive this month. The perimeter drain had been capped off, but MacCheyne said he had them uncap it, so it should be working now.

Reynolds said the lawn crew had clipped the corner of a gravestone and run over a flag in the Covert Cemetery. Nottke suggested a phone call with a follow-up letter. MacCheyne said they have insurance that should pay for the damages.

There was discussion on the proposed resolution of support for Local Law enforcement. Nottke said she wasn't sure how the individual officers treat people, that we could have problems we do not know about. She said we need to be more aware of racial situations. She does not feel that she can support the resolution whole-heartedly. She said that Governor Cuomo is instructing municipalities to pull together a committee of different people that looks at the police department, looking at each individual and training them in de-escalation. Reynolds said that the Seneca County police, one of the few, have gone through special training and have been accredited, going above and beyond what is required. Morrell said that a lot of the requirements that Cuomo is proposing has already been fulfilled by this accreditation process that the Seneca County police have gone through.

Petitioners:

Dick Westbrook asked about the bids for paving for the FEMA projects. Seneca Stone was awarded the bid. Ford asked about the proposed Sign Ordinance. Vann said that it was tabled.

Barbara Hazard had written a letter to the Board expressing concern with short-term rental properties and the renters' abuses. The Town of Geneva has a local law regulating short-term rentals. One stipulation is that it is owner-occupied 7 months of the year. Reynolds said the County will track the renters. The Board discussed that the problem is not just limited to rental properties; it could be family reunions, winery programs, etc. Foster said that the owners/managers have to clean up the mess. Foster did not think that the properties were being purchased for more than their assessed value. When neighbors are being a nuisance, they suggested calling the Sheriffs. (B. Hazard letter on file with the Town Clerk)

A Budget Workshop is scheduled for October 5th, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

Resolutions:

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve Variance Request for Stilwell, 4347 Lower Covert Road, Trumansburg, to construct a 24' x 28' detached garage where property's roadway frontage is deficient the 200' minimum as required by the Land Management Ordinance. Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

RESOLUTION #3-2020
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF COVERT, NEW YORK,
IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Covert is a Municipality and a Home Rule Unit of Local Government of the State of New

York, pursuant to Article IX of the New York State Constitution on Municipal Home Rule Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town values and greatly appreciates the services provided by the Local Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a long-standing commitment of support for the Village of Interlaken Police Department, Seneca County Sheriff Department, and New York State Police, and all the men and women of Local Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Town is dedicated to securing the health, safety, welfare, comfort, peace and prosperity of the residents of the Town;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK STATE

HEREBY pledges its honor and support of these men and women committed to ensure the welfare of its citizens, dedicated to protect and serve in the capacity of Local Law Enforcement.

RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK, this 14th day of September, 2020.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop. Aye - Vann, Bishop, Foster, Reynolds. Nay - Nottke.

RESOLUTION #4-2020

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT APPLICATION FOR JCAP GRANT

Vann moved, seconded by Foster,

THAT WHEREAS, the shared Covert Town Court and Town Hall located at 8469 S. Main Street, Interlaken, New York is in need of an Air-Filtration Heating and Cooling System and,

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to prevent the spread of the Covid 19 virus while conducting its proceedings, and protecting its residents and,

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Court Administration is offering a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant for 2020, for up to \$30,000.00, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Covert does hereby authorize Town Justice

Eileen Schmidt to proceed with the grant application from New York State Office of Court Administration. Unanimously Carried.

Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to appoint Carl Pell to the Planning Board to fill out Daniel Borst's term through 12/31/2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Town Supervisor's Income and Expenditure Report for the month of August 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of August 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Town Clerk's report for the month of August 2020. Town Clerk received a total of \$2641.50 and \$779.47 was remitted to the Supervisor. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's report for the month of August 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Foster moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of August 2020. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, that Highway Fund Vouchers #101-117 in the amount of \$16,824.84 and General Fund Vouchers #138-155 in the amount \$11,877.69 be approved for payment. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Vann.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, Code Enforcement Officer John Poludniak, and other interested citizens.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the minutes from September 14, 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

MacCheyne reported, in addition to repairs and maintenance of roads and equipment, they paved the parking lot at the Town Hall, they worked with the Village of Trumansburg to clean up a fallen tree on Congress Street and exchanged millings for crusher at Seneca Stone.

Nottke said she spoke with Matt at Interlaken Fire Department and discussed South Seneca ambulance using the Village DPW. He said they have no room. Nottke reported that there were 6 EMS calls in September, 68 year-to-date, in Covert and 14 in Ulysses. Calls have been down this year because of Covid 19. Reynolds said the EMS income was down about \$40,000 but hopefully it would all work out.

Reynolds said the Interlaken Historical Society would like to use the Town Hall for their regular meetings on the second Wednesdays of each month beginning October 14th for 12 months. He also said they hope to have a new building in the future, next to the new Dollar General.

Reynolds shared of a Variance Request for Carl and Debbie Guy, 8323 Dickerson Drive, Interlaken, who would like to install a new 12' x 28' shed next to their rear property line where the set back is not met by requirements of the Land Management Ordinance (LMO).

Morrell inquired after the issue of the set back and noted that the rear of the property is next to the road.

Reynolds said that County Supervisor Mitch Rowe reported that the County budget is coming in flat and Reynolds said that means, hopefully, Covert's tax rate will go down.

Code Enforcement Officer John Poludniak appealed to the Board to clarify the LMO in the cases of property owners building without a permit. The law reads " The violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. Each day of continued violation shall constitute a separate offense." Poludniak said he thought the Board should be designated as the ones to make the decision, thus avoiding unnecessary court proceedings. As the law is written, Morrell said the procedure is that the Board controls writing the law, John/Code Enforcement enforces the law, and the Court makes decisions on the law.

There was some discussion. Bishop suggested a step fee based on square footage/type of structure built without a permit. Morrell said that every situation is different and that is why the Court is involved in the decision. Poludniak said that if the law is clear, they don't have to waste the Court's time. Vann said that in the past, owners would acquire the Seneca County permit without getting a Town permit.

Poludniak explained that in the case of a bunkhouse vs. a second dwelling, he has no reason to go into a building to issue a permit. The County Code deals with all the internal issues. Bishop said that the County has definitions for what constitutes a second dwelling.

Petitioners:

Barry Ford said that the County's definition of a dwelling should be used by the Town.

Resolutions:

Reynolds moved, seconded by Nottke, to schedule a Budget Hearing for Monday, October 26, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the use of the Town of Covert Municipal Building by the Interlaken Historical Society on the second Wednesday of each month, for 12 months. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to refer Variance Request for Carl and Debbie Guy to the Planning Board. A Meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2020 at 7:00 pm. All approved.

Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Supervisor's Income and Expenditure report for the month of September 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of September 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve Town Clerk report for the month of September 2020. Town Clerk received a total of \$5382.00; \$1069.83 was remitted to the Supervisor for the month of September 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to approve Code Enforcement Officer report for the month of September 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of September 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, that Highway Fund Vouchers #118-131 in the amount of \$57,412.19 and General Fund Vouchers #156-173 in the amount of \$9,160.94 be approved for payment. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
and PUBLIC HEARING
October 26th, 2020

Resolution 4-20

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, THAT the 2021 Preliminary Budget be adopted as the final budget for 2021 and, WHEREAS, this Town Board met October 26, 2020 at the time and place specified in the notice of the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town Board of the Town of Covert hereby adopts such Preliminary Budget, as originally compiled with modifications and amendments, as the Annual Budget of the Town of Covert, as for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and that such budget, as adopted, be entered in detail into the minutes of the proceeding of the Town Board, and Be it FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town Clerk of the Town of Covert shall prepare and certify in duplicate copies of said Annual Budget, as adopted pursuant to Section 202, Subd.2 of the Town Law, and deliver one copy thereof to Supervisor of this Town to be presented by him to the Board of Supervisors of this County. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, Carl Guy and other interested citizens.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the minutes from October 12 and October 26th, 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Public Hearing: Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to open the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. to hear any comments on the Variance Request for Carl and Debbie Guy, 8323 Dickerson Drive, Interlaken, who would like to install a new 14' x 28' shed next to their rear property line where the set back is not met by requirements of the Town of Covert Land Management Ordinance (LMO). Guy explained that they have 18 grand children and limited space because of the NYSEG right-of-way cutting through the property. The Planning Board had recommended its approval. Foster commented on usable roadways, assuring that there is a drop off and no other place to put the shed. Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

MacCheyne reported that the Highway Department had paved some intersections and done other road maintenance, done repairs to flail mower and 2002 Sterling, as well as regular maintenance to equipment and they exchanged more millings for crusher at Seneca Stone. He also said that everything is ready for winter. He got a price for a salt spreader of \$2600, comparable, a little smaller, than the one they have now. The current one is 20 years old and the framework is rotten, parts are difficult to find. He mentioned that the newly paved Town Hall drive got a hole in it on Election Day. Reynolds said the Dollar General had contributed \$1000.00 toward the driveway.

Nottke asked about the situation with the Frontenac Bridge. MacCheyne said that Jim Brady stopped in while he was out. Reynolds said they hadn't heard anything regarding the grant that Tom Reed had mentioned and he would follow-up with the County Supervisor. The Town has been on the list for the past ten years, but has not received the grant yet.

Adams-Compton said that there were a couple people interested in engraved bricks for the Veterans Memorial in front of the Town Hall. There was discussion of the costs and how it was done before. George E. Hoare Memorial Co., Watkins Glen, was still able to engrave them for the Town.

Also, she mentioned that the Standard Workday Resolution had to be amended again.

Nottke said she spoke with Nancy Zahler at the Town of Ulysses. They will be having a zoom meeting for the Public Hearing for the 2021 Joint Fire Protection District Agreement on November 10th at 7 pm. They hope to have budget amounts available before Town Budgets in the future. Trumansburg Fire has been looking at fees based on assessments; that would increase both Covert and Ulysses significantly. Other than getting more money, Foster would like to know the justification for the increased cost. Previously, costs have been based on number of calls/three year average.

Reynolds could see all the Towns pitching in more toward equipment costs, but does not approve of the assessment-based calculations. Nottke would like to come up with a better plan.

Nottke mentioned that Tompkins County and other municipalities have been conducting a study on broadband. Children in Covert going to Trumansburg Schools should be included. They are hoping to provide free or cheaper internet using dark fiber. Nottke said that Dryden is participating and she would like to find out if Covert residents can use it.

Reynolds described a situation with the bookkeepers taking issue with the holiday pay policy. In the past, highway employees have been paid for the hours they would have worked (8 or 10 hours) depending on the time of year. Morrell said that the holiday hours could be approved by MacCheyne. He explained that the County has a union and everything has to be written down, but he didn't see the issue with the Town. MacCheyne already certifies the payroll.

Reynolds explained that the County is changing its exemptions for seniors and people with disabilities and they would like the Towns to do the same. He said that it will skew the taxes so those without exemptions will pay about \$3 more per \$100,000 assessed. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for the Local Law.

Petitioners:

Barry Ford asked if SureTemp gave a bid. They did not show. The highest bid was sent with the JCAP grant application for a new air filtration system for the Town Hall.

Resolutions:

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve Variance Request for Carl and Debbie Guy to install a new 14' x 28' shed next to their rear property line where the set back is not met as required by the Town of Covert Land Management Ordinance. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Town Clerk to collect \$50.00 for each engraved brick order for the Veterans Memorial at Town Hall. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve revision to the Standard Workday Reporting Resolution, removing checkmarks and adding prior Record of Activities results. Aye - Foster, Aye- Bishop, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Vann.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Supervisor's Income and Expenditure report for the month of October 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of October 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve Town Clerk report for the month of October 2020. Town Clerk received a total of \$1718.00; \$532.65 was remitted to the Supervisor for the month of October 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of October 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, that Highway Fund Vouchers #132-149 in the amount of \$40,225.04 and General Fund Vouchers #174-189 in the amount of \$5,387.05 be approved for payment. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present via phone
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Highway Deputy Glenn Boyes, Ralph Bailey and other interested citizens.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the minutes from November 9th, 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Public Hearing: Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to open the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2021 Fire Protection Agreement between the Village of Trumansburg and the Town of Covert. There were no comments. Foster moved, seconded by Bishop, to close the Public Hearing at 7:03.

Public Hearing: Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to open the Public Hearing at 7:03 for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2021 Fire Protection Agreement between the Village of Interlaken, the Town of Ovid and the Town of Covert. Reynolds said there was no change from previous year. Vann said they're doing a good job. Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to close the Public Hearing at 7:06.

Public Hearing: Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to open the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed Local Law to increase the sliding scale income eligibility for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities. Reynolds conveyed that the Assessors said the change would increase taxes \$1.93 per \$100,000 assessed for all other property owners. There were no comments. Foster moved, seconded by Bishop, to close the Public Hearing at 7:09.

MacCheyne reported that in addition to regular maintenance to roads and equipment, several repairs were made to roadside mower, they assisted the Town of Lodi in paving, cleaned out eves troughs of Town buildings, cut up trees blown down on East Covert Road and took 2019 Western Star to Tracy's Road Equipment for repairs.

Adams-Compton said that the Town Clerk's office would soon be able to do remote deposits. Due to the closing of Community Bank in Interlaken, the deposits have been made in Ovid, a longer commute.

She also said that the Town will be set up to take credit cards in payment of taxes at a cost of 2.85% + 40 cents per transaction to the customer, \$5.00/month to the Town, using Systems East/Xpress Pay payment portal on the website.

Adams-Compton hopes to have an insert with the taxes that will abbreviate the Winter Parking law, Dog law and Development Permit requirement.

Foster asked for fund balances. Reynolds said the bookkeepers are working on it.

Vann outlined three items he is working on. He plans to present to Board members and Planning Board an addition to the Land Management Ordinance proposing a fee schedule for property owners who build without acquiring the needed permit before construction.

Vann also brought up that there is a new NYS law that municipalities have to adopt protocols (by April 1st) for Covid 19/pandemics that identify essential workers, protocols for remote work, PPE supplies, exposures, contact tracing, and emergency housing. Reynolds will find out from Melissa Taylor/Seneca County if they have a template for that.

Vann spoke about legislation to further regulate streams, culverts, bridges, farms. He said that an area could be designated as a wetland based on vegetation growing in it. He said that most Finger Lakes legislature is against it. Reynolds said he would get more information.

Nottke said that Chris Fox, Trumansburg EMS, said there has been an uptick of Covid cases. She reported that Covert has had a total of 88 calls YTD, Trumansburg has had 779. She also mentioned that they have a new ambulance.

Reynolds said that the Village of Interlaken will be holding a Public Hearing at the Covert Town Hall on January 14th.

Reynolds said that the Ambulance deposits have been stream-lined with direct deposit. A deposit had been lost in the mail for about a month.

He said he spoke with Tom Reed about the Frontenac Bridge. He said they should be at least second in line for the bridge grant: Ovid has one in bad shape. MacCheyne asked Reynolds to speak with Roy.

Nottke asked if Reynolds had heard anything from Helming's office. He said 'no'.

Reynold's asked for input on the Highway employees' wages. Foster said that he thought we should stay reasonably competitive with the other Towns. He asked about the County wages. They are union workers, with stepping scales. He, Vann and Bishop agreed that they stay even with 3%, with the adjoining towns, not wishing to replace people or be a training ground for the rest of the County. Reynolds thought the increase could be covered by the wages of the Highway Barn cleaner no longer being used. Covert is comparable to Ovid, but starting wages in Seneca Falls and Tyre are significantly higher.

Reynolds said that there is a Variance Request for Andrew Larkin, 9329 Kingtown Beach Road, who would like to replace existing cottage with a new 26' x 40' residence where property size is deficient and side set backs are not met as required by the Town of Covert Land Management Ordinance (LMO).

A Yearend meeting is scheduled for December 28th, 2020 at 5:00 PM. An audit of the Town Books is scheduled for January 14th at 10 AM, the Bookkeepers and Court audit to be decided.

Petitioners:

Dick Westbrook asked about discussion on the chemicals being used on local farmers fields. Pesticides must comply with DEC regulations. There was some discussion about the Interlaken well and other wells in the area drying up.

Resolutions:

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the 2021 Fire Protection Agreement between the Village of Trumansburg and the Town of Covert. Aye-Vann, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the 2021 Fire Protection Agreement between the Village of Interlaken, Town of Ovid and the Town of Covert. Aye-Vann, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved seconded by Foster to refer the Variance Request for Andrew Larkin, 9329 Kingtown Beach Road, to the Planning Board on January 7th, 7:00 PM.

Resolution 5 -20 Highway Hourly Resolution 2021 ^amended 12/28/20

WHEREAS the Town of Covert Highway Department appointed employees have all maintained acceptable work levels, now THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Town of Covert Town Board does hereby accept the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent that the following full-time employees will be given an increase in their hourly rate; part-time employees rates will be the minimum wage.

Employee:	2020		2021	2021
	Reg./hour	3% increase	Total Reg.	O.T.
Chris Bulmahn	\$17.51		\$18.04	\$27.06
Roger Ike	\$20.29		\$20.90	\$31.25
Bradley Rathbun	\$16.48		\$16.97	\$25.46
Minimum				
Ralph Jones	\$11.80		\$12.50	
Glenn Boyes	\$11.80		\$12.50	
Thomas Hayward	\$11.80		\$12.50	

Foster moved, seconded by Bishop. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, THAT WHEREAS the Town of Covert has maintained Oak Harbor Road and Hatch Road for many years and THAT WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Covert approves and has recommended they continue to maintain said roads, the Town Board of the Town of Covert HEREBY accepts legal responsibility in the maintenance of Oak Harbor Road and Hatch Road authorizing the Town of Covert Superintendent of Highways to continue to maintain said roads. Aye - Vann, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Supervisor's Income and Expenditure report for the month of November 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of November 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve Town Clerk report for the month of November 2020. Town Clerk received a total of \$1960.00; \$514.57 was remitted to the Supervisor. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Vann moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's report for the month of November 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Bishop moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of November 2020. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Bishop moved, seconded by Nottke, that Highway Fund Vouchers #150-167 in the amount of \$14,177.98 and General Fund Vouchers #190-210 in the amount of \$8,050.42 be approved for payment. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
YEAR END TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 28, 2020

The yearend meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, December 28th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne and Barry Ford.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the minutes from December 14th, 2020 regular Board meeting with minor changes. Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Foster and Aye-Vann.

There was some discussion about the Highway wages. \$6900 was paid in overtime in the year 2020. MacCheyne said he covers on the weekends when he can. Nottke asked what the Town does for the Village of Interlaken. He says they plow the Village streets.

Public Comment: Ford said he spoke with an organic farming consultant who sets up farms without the use of pesticides and claims to increase revenues by 30%. The Board would be interested in a presentation from her.

Resolutions:

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to appoint Carl Pell to the Planning Board for 7 years, ending 12/31/2027. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster

Resolution #6-20
Yearend Transfers

WHEREAS good fiscal policy dictates that all expenditure accounts are at or above a zero balance at fiscal year-end, and

WHEREAS a number of accounts are currently in a negative state and others in the same department area have excess funds,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the bookkeeper is hereby authorized to make the following adjustments for fiscal year-end 2020

Account#	Account Title	Debit	Credit
A1110.1	Justice - Personal Svcs		408.19
A1110.11	Justice - Personal Svcs/Court Ck		375.00
A1110.4	Justice - Contractual	783.19	
A1410.1	Town Clerk - Personal Services		1110.34
A1410.11	Town Clerk - Personal Svcs/Deputy		326.94
A1410.4	Town Clerk - Contractual	1437.28	
A5010.1	Highway Superintendent		1986.19
A5132.42	Highway - Maintenance	1986.19	

A9055.8	Disability Insurance		72.00
A9060.8	Medical Insurance	72.00	
DA5142.1	Snow Removal - Personal Services		7283.22
DA5130.4	Machinery Contractual		2229.00
DA5140.4	Brush & Weeds - Contractual		1287.28
DA9040.8	Workers Compensation		413.81
DA9055.8	Disability Insurance		103.01
DA9060.8	Medical Insurance		42.65
DA6030.8	Social Security		514.15
DA5142.4	Snow Removal - Contractual	11873.12	
DB9055.8	Disability		71.39
DB9030.8	Social Security	1185.78	
DB9060.8	Health Insurance		3537.43
DB5112.4	Road Construction - Contractual	2423.04	
DB5148.4	FEMA - Contractual		21891.25
DB4960	FEMA Revenue	21891.25	

Motion-Foster, Seconded by Bishop. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke

Resolution #7-20 Highway Hourly Resolution
Resolution 5 -20 ^amended 12/28/20

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	2020	3% increase	2021 Total Reg.	2021 O.T.
Employee:	Reg./hour			
Chris Bulmahn	\$17.51		\$18.54	\$27.81
Roger Ike	\$20.29		\$21.40	\$32.10
Glenn Boyes	\$11.80		\$18.00	\$27.00
			Minimum	
Thomas Hayward	\$11.80		\$12.50	

Vann moved, seconded by Foster. Aye - Vann, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Bishop, Aye - Foster

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, that Highway Fund Vouchers #168-177 in the amount of \$12,779.32 and General Fund Vouchers #212-218 in the amount \$757.19 be approved for payment. Aye-Foster, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

Vann moved, seconded by Nottke, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk